

MINNESOTA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM
Inc. 1300

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DEAR MEMBER:

THE next general meeting of the Minnesota Transportation Museum will be held at TCRT Streetcar 1300 in the Minnesota Transfer Railway Roundhouse at Cleveland Avenue and the MILWaukee Road mainline in Saint Paul. The meeting will take place on Sunday Evening, June 14th, at 7:45 P.M. sharp.

Of special interest, the Site Committee will make a report on a promising new location on which Streetcar 1300 and possibly other equipment including steam, could be run. We are at present awaiting official word from Archer-Daniels-Midland Company concerning the new site. More positive and complete information will be offered at the meeting.

The new officers regret they have not been in contact with most of the membership during the past five months, but we can assure all of you that they have been working diligently to make our organization a success. The main area of activity has been centered around locating a suitable operating site and acquiring additional equipment. Negotiations are being made to obtain Steam Locomotive #346, an O-6-O switcher, from the Koppers Coke Plant in St. Paul; an electric steeple cab locomotive, No. 20, from Northern States Power Company now at its St. Anthony Falls Generating Plant in Minneapolis (formerly, TCRT power plant); and a Des Moines (Iowa) trolley bus (similar to those recently used in Duluth). Several other pieces of historical transportation equipment are also in view.

Looking on the sadder part of our news to you is the loss of the power generator unit used to power the 1300 last year. Not so sad, however, is the fact that our Shop Committee has the equipment and the know-how to build another even more efficient unit than the first. Anyone interested in helping out on this particular project can contact Jim Bertrand at Telephone 729-1989.

It seems that so much has been in the works these past five months that it is difficult to relate it all in just a few lines of this news letter, so we are sure that the ensuing meeting will be of great interest to the membership and are expecting a good turnout.

We are looking forward to seeing you all Sunday Evening, June 14th.

--THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

P.S. - Enclosed with the news letter are a few typical photographs of our operations on the Minnesota Transfer Railway last summer as were published by Minnesota Railfans Association in CINDERS & SPARKS of December, 1963.

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